

December 3, 2001

Ms. Gloria Blue
Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
Winder Building
600 17 Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ms. Blue:

Denman & Davis is a multi-location steel service center supplying steel and other metal products throughout the northeast and often worldwide since 1888. We have concerns about Section 203 of the Trade Act of 1974 regarding stainless steel rebar.

Over the past year and a half I have been purchasing T304 and T316 stainless steel rebar from Valbruna. This material has been used primarily for domestic customers. Currently, I do not know of any domestic producers of this material. We would like to see this product excluded from Section 203. The availability for this product is limited and any additional costs through duties to this material would impede our sales.

Sincerely,

Dylan P. Altieri

Dylan P. Altieri Stainless Rebar Specialist